

**February 1, 2021**

The meeting of Mount Pleasant Borough Council was called to order by President Caruso 7:00pm in Council Chambers at 1 Etze Avenue, Mount Pleasant, PA 15666. The Pledge of Allegiance was said and President Caruso asked for a moment of silence for the anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day and our deployed troops. President Caruso asked Borough Manager Landy to take roll call. Councilpersons present included Barnes, Bailey, Phillabaum, Smetak, Lasko, Ruszkowski and Wojnar. Mayor Lucia and Solicitor Istik were present. President Caruso stated that a quorum is present.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to approve the minutes of January 4, 2021 since Council has been provided with a copy. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public Comment: None.**

**Speakers: None.**

**Planning Commission Report:**

Chuck Zelenak of C. Z. Surveying spoke to Council regarding the George Kapr Subdivision Plan. Mr. Zelenak stated that Mr. Kapr will be dividing 2 lots between himself and his son.

**Mayor’s Report:**

Mayor Lucia read the Mount Pleasant Police Dept. Report for the month of January 2021:

The Department answered the following calls:

Incidents	92
Criminal Arrests	2
DUI Arrests	1
Parking Tickets Issued Boro	4
Traffic & Non-Traffic Citations	27
Assist Other Departments	14
Accidents Investigated	2

Income

Parking Meters	\$0.00
Parking Tickets	\$0.00
Parking Permits	\$0.00
Clerk of Courts	\$555.97
Restitution to Police Department	\$0.00
Fees for Police Reports	\$15.00
District Court	\$295.99
Task Force Refund	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$866.96

Mayor Lucia gave the following report:

- Police Officer Justin James has requested that his hours be reduced. Mayor Lucia stated that they will be hiring a part-time police officer.
- Police have been busy on small vehicle accidents. Mayor Lucia stated that our fulltime and parttime Officers take their job serious and handle all incidents very well.

- Fire Department has been doing a lot of raffles to compensate for the loss of revenues from not having the ability to hold fundraisers and the fair.

**Solicitor’s Report:**

Solicitor Istik stated that her report will be held in executive session.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

Borough Manager Landy read the following Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2020:

<b>Mt. Pleasant Borough Treasurer's Report</b>		<b>Dec-20</b>			<b>Balance</b>
		<b>Prev Bal</b>	<b>Deposits</b>	<b>Disbursements</b>	<b>2020</b>
General Fund Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069335	994,105.47	171,757.81	181,602.69	984,260.59
**Town Clock	619.92				
**Holiday Lighting	1812.51				
General Fund Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 321615	772,130.94	200,121.49	40,000.00	932,252.43
**Police	47,619.03				
**Streets	107,131.00				
**Contingency Fund	288,236.80				
**Infrastructure	171,588.62				
**BOMP Gas Wells	22,462.69				
** Frick Park Gas Well	23,929.00				
**Levins	970.06				
**Fire	35,000.00				
**K-9	13,828.76				
**Medic 10	200,000.00				
**Marcellus Impact Fee					
Act 13	21,486.47				
Police Parking Tickets & Meters	Scottdale Bank 1026616	25,448.08	0.97	572.08	24,876.97
Escrow Account	Scottdale Bank 19069343	8,378.94	2.85	0.00	8,381.79
Liquid Fuels PLGIT	PLGIT 56980126	143,523.59	1.54	6,452.66	137,072.47
Monument CD	Standard Bank 446635	7,286.68	96.12	0.00	7,382.80
Payroll Fund	Scottdale Bank 19069350	944.39	51,531.23	51,530.23	945.39
Veterans Park Fund	Somerset Trust Co 2003058309	22,246.96	1.67	0.00	22,248.63
Storm Water Retrofit Phase II	Scottdale Bank 19069368	1,216.84	0.41	0.00	1,217.25
Turn Back Account	Scottdale Bank 19069384	62,881.96	17.51	32,924.01	29,975.46
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 432243	208,875.95	6,378.65	0.00	215,254.60
Standard Bank CD	Standard Bank 410571	52,120.89	1,199.95	0.00	53,320.84
Scottdale Bank /MidPenn CD	Scottdale Bank 318007294	50,983.85	1,413.02	0.00	52,396.87
<b>Total General Fund Balance</b>					<b>2,469,586.09</b>
Medic 10 Checking	Scottdale Bank 19069533	66,049.97	65,900.01	45,274.67	86,675.31
Medic 10 Savings	Scottdale Bank 19069723	124,791.96	1,042.73	0.00	125,834.69
Medic 10 Money Market	Scottdale Bank 19069376	5,992.47	2.04	0.00	5,994.51
Medic 10 Pittsburgh Foundation	Standard Bank 0000358253	7,546.94	3.61	0.00	7,550.55
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 371917	18,992.22	466.49	0.00	19,458.71
Medic 10 CD	Standard Bank 410053	5,199.37	70.51	0.00	5,269.88

<b>Total Medic 10 Fund Balance</b>					250,783.65
WWT Operational Acct	Standard Bank 0010175932	1,337,359.42	437.88	408,820.68	928,976.62
WWT Savings	Standard Bank 0050021008	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WWT Budgetary Reserve	Standard Bank 0000287245	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
**Contingency		0.00			
**Infrastructure		0.00			
WWT Bio-Tower	Standard Bank 10127923	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Reserve M. A. Account	Somerset Trust Co 2004129745	950,001.81	71.12	0.00	950,072.93
Oceanview Annuity CD	Scottsdale Bank - MidPenn	3,000,000.00	7,516.44	0.00	3,007,516.44
Standard Bank CD WWT					
Cap.Resv	Standard Bank 464569	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00
Standard Bank CD (Partial MAWC)	Standard Bank 446593	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Scottsdale Bank /MidPenn CD (MAWC Final)	Scottsdale Bank 318011768	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Total WWT Balance</b>					5,086,565.99
<b>Total Borough funds</b>					<b>7,806,935.73</b>

Councilwoman Susan Ruszkowski / Secretary  
Sharon Lesko

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**Tax Collector's Report: None.**

**Borough Manager's Report:**

Borough Manager gave the following report:

- The Borough is currently working under the abbreviated schedule.
- Held meeting with Engineer regarding the Volunteer Fire Department Apron. It will be advertised for bids.
- The 2021 Paving Project will be put out for bids.
- Met with Mike Barrick from Hunt Valley Engineering regarding the Cooks Way Project. Plans should be available at the next meeting. The project is to be completed June 1, 2021. The Grant money must be spent by June 1, 2021.
- Everyone received a Gas & Oil Report
- Attended Library Board meeting.
- There is a Revitalizing Westmoreland County Grant that is due by March 26, 2021. It is a matching grant.
- There is an upcoming virtual seminar on law enforcement right to know on February 10, 2021.
- There is also an upcoming virtual seminar on The Ethics Act for Elected and Appointed Officials on February 4, 2021 and February 11, 2021.
- Berkheimer collections are down by approximately \$18,979.00. Borough Manager stated that we used the grant money that the Borough received from the Westmoreland Cares Grant to balance out the loss.

### **President's Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Wojnar to hold an Executive Session. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Barnes. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Lasko to reconvene. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Council President Caruso announced that the Executive Session was held from 7:28pm – 8:00pm to discuss personnel issues.

### **Property Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilman Smetak to amend the agenda to advertise for sealed bids for the VFD Apron Rehabilitation Project. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Lasko. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Smetak to advertise for sealed bids for the VFD Apron Rehabilitation Project from February 3, 2021 through February 24, 2021. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

A Motion was made by Councilman Smetak to advertise for sealed bids for the Arevalo property with a minimum bid of \$10,000.00. Motion seconded by Councilwoman Bailey. Motion carried 8-0.

Borough Manager Landy stated that the Arevalo property is the property at the East end of Main Street that was given to the Borough by the Westmoreland County Land Bank.

Councilman Smetak reported that he met with Borough Manager Landy, Council President Caruso and Councilwoman Bailey at the gazebo regarding the renovation. Councilman Smetak stated that a structural engineer should inspect it due to the age of the structure before moving ahead with any type of renovations.

### **Stormwater/ MS4 Report:**

Councilman Phillabaum gave the following report:

The meeting that was to be held with Gibson Thomas Engineering regarding MS4 was cancelled. Borough Manager Landy will be rescheduling the meeting.

### **Streets Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to advertise for bids to sell the two (2) yellow dump trucks, including equipment on them, at fair market value. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

Councilwoman Bailey gave the following report:

- We have advertised for sealed bids for the 2021 Street Paving Project. Bids will be due at 11:00AM February 23, 2021 and opened at 11:10AM the same day.
- The tree that was dying at the gazebo has been cut down and removed. The stump will be removed once the ground begins thawing.
- Borough Manager Landy reported that we have received a final bill from A. Liberoni, Inc. They did not remove the cost of the trees. Councilwoman Bailey stated that we should pay the invoice minus the cost of the trees.

### **Parks & Recreation:**

Councilwoman Lasko reported that there is a new piece of playground equipment that has come in and will be installed at Satcho Park.

### **Public Safety Report:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to purchase a Small Games of Chance License in the amount of \$125.00 from the County of Westmoreland to be used by the Borough for all Departments. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

Mayor Lucia stated that this would be used to help Medic 10 or any of the other departments for any fundraising or raffling.

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Ruszkowski to hire Jacob Pounds as a part-time Police Officer effective 02/01/2021 at the training rate pending background check and physical. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

### **Veterans Park Report:**

Councilwoman Barnes gave the following report:

- Spoke with Industry Weapons. They are to let them know when they are available to come and install the part for the digital wall. Borough Manager Landy asked if we should have someone there to know watch what they are doing in the event something would need fixed in the future. Councilwoman Barnes stated that she does not know anyone with that expertise and asked Borough Manager Landy if he had someone he knew. Borough Manager Landy did not know of anyone. Councilwoman Bailey suggested Roger Uhlery that worked with the School District. Councilwoman Barnes asked Councilwoman Bailey if she would reach out to Mr. Uhlery. Councilwoman Bailey stated that she would contact him. Councilwoman Barnes stated that if someone else does install the part into the digital wall, Industry Weapon will say that they will not be held responsible.
- Borough Manager Landy stated that Industry Weapon has informed him that they will be charging a surcharge for any on-site visit due to Covid-19. The tech fee is \$199 for the on-site visit and first hour and \$100 for each hour thereafter.

### **Human Resources/Ordinances Report:**

Councilman Wojnar stated that his report was covered in Executive Session.

**Finance / Grants Report: None.**

**New Business: None.**

### **Reading of Communications:**

- Received a thank you note from the Census Bureau.
- Received a thank you card from the President of the Board of the Mount Pleasant Library for the support of the Borough.
- Received a thank you card from Patience Barnes and her family for the butterfly and amazing grace lantern.

**Discussion and Payment of Bills:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to pay all authorized and approved bills. Motion seconded by Councilman Wojnar. Motion carried 8-0.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Miscellaneous and Adjournment:**

A Motion was made by Councilwoman Bailey to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Councilman Phillabaum. Motion carried 8-0.

**Meeting Adjourned 8:30PM.**

Respectfully Submitted

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Jeffrey A. Landy,  
Borough Manager

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John H. Caruso, Jr., Council President

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